

Dumont Shade Tree Commission Minutes
1/9/12, 7:50PM
Dumont Boro Hall, Third Floor Rec Room

The Dumont Shade Tree Commission has complied with the open public meetings act, having sent notice to The Record, Ridgewood News and filed the Municipal Clerk and posted on the Boro's Official Bulletin Board.

Attendance: Sally Tayed, Ray Slaman, Larry Tobias, Tom Fisichella, Rafael Riquelme

Meeting was moved from Dixon Homestead Library due to the Libraries new hours of operation. DSTC is looking into new meeting place. Suggestions were taken which included Senior Center, Boro Hall, Elks and High School.

Approvals from previous meeting minutes were postponed until next minutes. Rafael to contact Tara for the previous minutes.

Tree Maintenance- Tom and Ray presented updates. Town lost about 144 trees, mostly pear trees from the 10/30/11 storm. The bucket truck will be back in operation within a week. Two disputes concerning sidewalk and tree issues on Randolph and West Linden Avenue. Ray is working on these issues.

Adopt-A-Tree- Ray reported that 24 new trees were planted on the fall, total 49 for the year. This program has been a 95% success rate.

Friends of the Shade Tree- Sally to make revisions on the By-laws and when that is done we can proceed with the non-profit status.

Grant Status- Pending Fema grant to purchase a grinder. DSTC also have two pending matching grants from the DOT and County of Bergen for the sidewalk project in the Arboretum. Rafael to contact Mr. John Perkins, Boro Administrator for an update.

Commissioner's expired term- Sara Reiss resigned from the DSTC. Abbie Slaman and Sally Tayed term expires in April 2012. Sally and Abbie both expressed their desire to continue been board members. DSTC will have three openings by April 2012 (1 full time and 2 alternates). Sally expressed to not run for President if she gets re-appointed. Commission voted to recommend to Mayor Kelly Brian Metz to the commission

Tree City- To file each year. 2012 will be our third year. Tara Baker has been handling this each year.

Arbor Day- Need to work on the agenda. Looking to plant a tree, not necessarily at the Arboretum. Idea was mentioned to maybe combine the commemoration of the hundredth year of the Girls Scout with Arbor Day. Also DSTC needs contact the schools to coordinate flyer's distribution for the Arbor Day competition program. DSTC is looking for more adult entries this year. Boy Scout will be contacted for the color guard. New flag for the Arboretum to be purchased.

I-Tree- Larry and Tom working on the figures in regards to the lost coverage in town from the 10/30/11 storm. Due to the lost of canopy, temperature rises, quality of life is diminished, property value diminishes etc... People moved to Dumont because of the residential look. Dumont lost about 15% of the canopy from the storm. That percentage is only an estimate.

Meeting adjourned 9:05PM.